

# CDMS *Music News*

CREATIVE Dance & Music Studio

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## Welcome Back, Again!

We are so excited to welcome our new and returning Music Students back again after our recent hiatus due to Hurricane Ida! We sincerely hope that all of our families weathered the storm and are on the path of rebuilding or repairing.

This season, we are bringing back our Music Intensives program--a series of Saturday workshops that help our students meet their Musical Milestones goals even faster! Be sure to check out the details in this newsletter.

We will also hold a Holiday Showcase at the studio in December, and plan to hold our Spring Recital in May. The recitals are wonderful events when our students can share their talents with family and friends, and we hope all will choose to participate!



## UPCOMING DATES

**September 25**  
Return to Lessons

**September 25-30**  
Parent Peek Week

**October 23**  
Music Olympics 2.0  
Intensive

**October 30**  
Music Make-Up Class

## Music Holiday Showcase

We are happy to announce that we will hold our annual winter music recital in December this year at CDMS! Our **Holiday Showcase will be on Sunday, December 19**, in the afternoon (showtimes TBA depending on participation).

All of our musicians are invited to participate in the recital--even the newest beginners. It's truly a fun, relaxed event, followed by a casual reception here at the studio.

Check your Family Folder for your recital participation form in mid-October. It's already a good time to start working with your Instructor on a piece that you could perform! Holiday or Christmas songs are welcome, but not required. Our recitals include a variety of instruments, performance levels, and musical styles. We love to hear what you love to play!

# Music Intensives for 2021-22

Our Music Intensives series for 2021-22 is about to start! Music Intensives are 1.5-hour workshops held on Saturday afternoons. Fee for each is \$25. This year we have 3 exciting options:

**Music Olympics 2.0 (October 23, 2:30-4:00 p.m.)** For all ages and levels. Version 2.0 of our most popular Music Intensive! Balloon Badminton is back, plus bowling and other fun new events that will test all of your musical knowledge.

**Music Reading Mastery (January 15, 2:30-4:00 p.m.)** For all ages, level 2 or higher. This intensive will include a variety of fun activities and games that focus on the two most important things involved in reading music—rhythms and notes. Be ready to learn more about music with exciting challenges!

**Composing with Scales and Chords (March 19, 2:30-4:00 p.m.)** All ages, level 3 or higher. In this intensive, music students who have some familiarity with scales and chords will learn to compose short pieces using these basic building blocks of music. We'll use new activities to start our compositions, and play some games as well!

## How To Succeed in Music:

**Assignment Book** - Check your Assignment Book after each lesson to see what you should be practicing over the week. Bring your Assignment Book to each lesson.

**Practice Regularly** - Plan to practice daily for a short amount of time, increasing the time as you start learning more songs.

**Ask Questions** - If you're unsure of how to play something, or you had trouble practicing your weekly assignment, be sure to let your Instructor know. Your lesson is your own private time with your Instructor, and we love to answer all of your questions to help you succeed!

**Let Your Instructor Know What Music You Like** - When you hear a favorite song, write it down so you'll remember to tell your Instructor at your next lesson. We like knowing what you like!

## PARENT PEEK WEEKS:

**The final week of lessons each month** is our very popular "Parent Peek Week"! We ask that a parent join us in lessons during the first or last 5 minutes of class. It's the perfect opportunity for us to visit, for parents to ask questions, and for us to share a little something we've been working on with you. Please be sure to join us!

## How To Make Up a Missed Music Lesson:

**Starting in October**, we will hold hour-long group music make-up classes once a month, usually on the final Saturday of the month. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on our Music Bulletin Board for each month's make-up class. Music students of any age, or level, studying any instrument, can sign up for the classes. Our Instructors design the classes with group and individual activities, so there's something for everyone.